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MAN SENTENCED FOR THREE BANK ROBBERIES

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that WILLIAM J. SEBREE, 20, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 13 years and 3 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his previously entered guilty plea to armed bank robbery and use of a firearm during a crime of violence. This case was the result of a investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Marion County Sheriff's Department, and the Zionsville Police Department.

The first bank robbery occurred on November 10, 2003, at the Key Bank at 11622 North Michigan Road in Zionsville, the second occurred on November 17, 2003 at the Key Bank at 2433 Lake Circle Drive in Indianapolis, and the third occurred on November 17, 2003 at the National City Bank at 7040 North College Avenue.

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In each case witnesses and surveillance photos indicated that two men entered the bank and demanded money by use of a note and display of a small silver-colored handgun. Each time, the robbers provided a plastic shopping bag to the victim teller in which to place the currency. Witnesses in each case observed the robbers flee in a gold Ford Taurus station wagon.

On November 18, 2003, a gold Ford Taurus station wagon matching the description of the one used in all three bank robberies was stopped by law enforcement officers. The sole occupant and driver of the car was WILLIAM J. SEBREE. SEBREE advised that he owned the vehicle and consented to a search. The search disclosed a small silver handgun and a multiple color shirt matching the description of the shirt worn by the robber during the robbery of the Key Bank on Lake Circle Drive the previous day. Inside the pocket was a note on which was printed, "This is not a joke; Give me all your 100s, 50's, 20's; Put it in the bag; Do not pull from the top. Only from the Bottom; You have 30 seconds; Go now." Also disclosed in the search was a cap, a sweatshirt, multiple pairs of sunglasses, and multiple plastic grocery bags, all matching the description of items described at the scene of the robberies.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 5 years supervised release following SEBREE's imprisonment. SEBREE was ordered to make restitution in the amount of approximately \$16,000 to the victim banks.

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